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Honor Scholars Are Recognized

Shimer held its annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday evening, February 24 in Metcalf Auditorium. Eighteen students received the title of Shimer Honor Scholar, recognizing their outstanding academic achievement during the previous year. This recognition is automatic and is based on the grade point average computed in June at the close of school.

To be designated a Shimer Honor Scholar the student must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Complete the A-L-R comprehensive and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better on a 4.00 scale, or
2. Complete a minimum of three comprehensives, including the A-L-R; and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale.

Renewal of this status is based upon continuing maintenance of the required grade point averages, each succeeding academic year.

New honor scholars for 1969-70 are: Mark Crellin, Lakefield, Minnesota; Andrea Karnowski, Chicago; Joanne Malm, St. Charles, Illinois; Mark Schmdhofer, Chillicothe, Ohio; Zane Zicmanis, Mt. Carroll. Repeating honor scholars are: Frederick Beiser, Portage, Indiana; Reginald Bushau, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Martha Cowan, Mt. Carroll; Alison Crellin, Montclair, New Jersey; Susan Frick, Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Loraine Hutchins, Takoma Park, Maryland; Linda Lannom, Addison, Illinois; Martin Powers, Chicago; Michael Slosberg, Great Neck, New York; Daniel Thompson, West Burlington, Iowa; Peter Weygandt, Olney, Illinois; Sylvia Wilson, Arlington, Virginia; Craig Wylie, Wyoming, Michigan.

Dr. Karl Menger, professor of mathematics at Illinois Institute of Technology, delivered the convocation address. In recognition of his work in the field of mathematics and as a distinguished educator, Dr. Menger was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by Shimer College.

He was honored at a reception in Sawyer House following the convocation, given by President Milburn P. Akers.



Resident Head Laura Staples, center, and her assistants, Marcia Kuellmer, left, and Eileen Bannon, right.

Students To Head Girls' Dormitory

Laura Staples, a fourth-year student at Shimer, has been appointed Head Resident of Dezendorf Hall. Laura, Eileen Bannon, and Marcia Kuellmer, who were Assistant Resident Heads last semester, now constitute a committee responsible for maintaining order and enforcing the rules of the college in Dezendorf.

Fine Arts Program

Beginning next fall, faculty members Thomas Locker and Burton Blistein will share the year's teaching load in the fine arts. Locker will teach painting and the general humanities courses in art during the first semester. Blistein will teach sculpture and humanities for the second semester. Each of the men, during the semester he does not teach, will be free to pursue his own specialty.

Attrition Rate Down

Shimer College, for the second semester of 1969-70 had a reduced percentage of student attrition over the previous year. This attrition rate was for the fall entering class and amounted to 20%. At the same time last year the attrition rate was 28%.

The apartment normally occupied by the Resident Head will be converted into a center for the girls' activities. The kitchen will be open for cooking and baking; all the girls will contribute to buy equipment. The rest of the apartment will be refurnished as a lounge.

Spring Arts Show Planned

The Carroll County Town and Country Arts Festival, an annual event of the County Home Bureau, will be held in the Karyn Kupciet Playhouse Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12. Shimer students and faculty will participate by entering their work in the painting, sculpture and crafts competition, by presenting a group of one-act plays Saturday evening, and by attending various planned events including a rock folk concert in the gymnasium, decoupage lessons, and a program of modern dance.

An artist from Davenport, Iowa will judge the painting, sculpture and crafts competition, with first awards being eligible for regional contests, and regional winners advancing to state competition.

Armstrong Returns To Advertising Field

Andrew F. H. Armstrong, a member of the humanities faculty at Shimer since 1959, has resigned to join the advertising firm of Howard H. Monk and Associates, Inc., Rockford, as vice-president in charge of their creative services.

Considered by many to be one of Shimer's most competent and effective teachers, Mr. Armstrong has returned to full-time advertising work after a lengthy "sabbatical" during which he



ANDREW F. H. ARMSTRONG

combined advertising consultation and college-level teaching.

A native of Berkeley, California, Mr. Armstrong studied at Rutgers University in New Jersey, and at Parsons School of Design in New York City before entering the advertising business. Later he interrupted his business career to engage in graduate study at the University of Chicago and a winter quarter at Mexico City College in classes on Latin-American art. He qualified for his B. A. and M. A. under Chicago's Committee on General Studies in the Humanities.

As a creative artist, Mr. Armstrong has shown his paintings at museums and exhibitions in New Mexico and Texas, and some of his more recent work has been on display in the Timber Lake Theater Restaurant here.

During the 1964-65 school year Mr. Armstrong served as director of the Shimer-in-England project in which 26 Shimer students took part.

His new post is similar to those he formerly held at Leo Burnett Company in Chicago, Compton Advertising in New York, and Burnett, Nicholson and Partners in London.

He plans to continue to live in Mount Carroll and to commute to Rockford. His wife, Jody, operates the Runaway Unicorn gift shop and tea room in Mount Carroll. They have three daughters, eight-year-old twins, Margaret and Sarah, and Jennifer, 1-1/2



Not exactly Jose Feliciano. But his memory lingers on.

Chicago Seminar Is Successful

The Shimer-in-Chicago Urban Seminar, held from January 15-31 at the University of Chicago, was a successful endeavor, according to Dr. Barbara Bowdery, Seminar Director. "Many of the students," said Dr. Bowdery, "were overwhelmed by the problems of the city. Others, more

familiar with those problems, were impressed by some of the efforts being made to meet them. There are many imaginative programs, but they touch so few people."

Participating students received a variety of viewpoints, both establishment and anti-establishment. There was an outstanding program covering the political process, including a visit to a city council meeting, a visit to city hall, and a panel discussion on Chicago city politics with two independent aldermen and a Daley Democrat.

There were also panels, speakers, and field trips examining the problems of schools, community development and city planning, youth in the inner city, medicine and the poor, legal problems of the poor, private efforts to meet inner city educational problems, and the role of the urban newspaper. On Saturday, January 31, the last day of the seminar, Shimer student participants met for a final discussion of what they had observed and learned.

New Food Service Manager Is Named

Larry Mason, Shimer's new food service manager, has worked in the food service business for 23 years. For the past two years he was assistant manager at Southern Illinois University. Mr. Mason started with a hot dog stand in Chicago, later managed a drive-in restaurant, and has had eight years of experience in the college and high school line.

Now living in the apartment in New Men's Dormitory Mr. Mason enjoys Shimer and says he is "looking forward to a very pleasant relationship with the college."

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MARY P. KEOHANE

Mary Keohane On North Central Examining Group

Mrs. Robert Keohane, who teaches social sciences and education at Shimer, is a member of the examining committee of the North Central Accrediting Association which evaluated the Mount Morris high school on February 3 and 4.

The high school faculty began self-evaluation sometime before the visit of the committee. The committee visited classes, evaluated the library, the teaching, and the whole atmosphere of the school, and held several group sessions to discuss their findings. The committee also met with the school faculty.

Accreditation is based upon a comprehensive report sent to the North Central Association. The high school receives the same report, and, according to Mrs. Keohane, this opportunity to receive suggestions for improvement from outside observers is one of the most important reasons for the examination.

Mrs. Keohane served on the examining committee at Fulton high school last spring, and in April will be on the committee to examine Savanna high school.

Deaths

Miss Floy Kesson, 91, vocal music teacher at Shimer from 1920 to 1923, died in October, 1969 at Methodist Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota after suffering a stroke. She was born April 7, 1878 at Byron, Minnesota. A brother and two sisters survive.

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Alumni News

EDWARD WALBRIDGE, AB '56, is on the staff of the high altitude observatory in Boulder, Colorado. He and his wife, Jean, have two daughters, Catherine Jennifer, 3, and Julia Ann, 1.

STEVEN ZITNICK, AB '66, and his wife (JANET HAMILL, AB '68) write, "We remember Shimer with affection. We both feel our education was a rich and vital experience. Our only wish is that in the future we will be able to help our college in a more substantial manner."

CATHERINE ENANY, AB '67, teaches remedial reading in Mount Carroll public schools.

ANTHONY GARCIA, AB '67, and his wife (ELLEN LUCAS, '68) are living in Rome, Italy while Tony is a medical student at the University of Rome.

EDWARD OKIN, AB '67, is a corporate credit administrator with Borden, Inc. in New York City, and lives at 899 Kennedy Blvd. East, Weehawken, New Jersey. He is one of 10 men to handle all corporate credit (over 1.9 billion per year) for the Borden Company. He and LAIRD BRISLEN, AB '67, spent the past three months motorcycling through Europe. They visited the Shimer group in Oxford and while in Rome, saw TONY GARCIA, AB '67, and his wife.

Shimer News Notes

Mrs. Edna Gifford, secretary to President Akers, spent three weeks in January visiting relatives in Hawaii. Most of her time was spent on the island of Maui, but she also visited a nephew in Honolulu. One of the highlights of her stay was the Hula Bowl football game on January 10 in Honolulu where the temperature was 80 degrees.

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Dr. Wilbur Hass, teacher of psychology, has submitted three papers to the Midwestern Psychological Association and one to the Chicago Linguistic Society. Another paper is being published in a book on compensatory language instruction for disadvantaged children. With Carol Feldman of the University of Chicago, he is preparing a book on sentence meaning. Hass and his wife, Sarah, have written a paper for the National Conference on Language of the Retarded, held at the University of Kansas in mid-February.

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Dr. Jack Goldman, area chairman for the natural sciences, attended two Centennial Symposia at Loyola University in Chicago in January: "Current Evolution of Man's Sense of Values," January 5-7, and "Freedom and the Human Sciences," January 7-9. From January 26-29 Dr. Goldman attended meetings of the American Physical Society in Chicago.

Alumni Help In Admissions Work

Fourteen Shimer alumni have agreed to aid in the efforts of the Admissions department to increase Shimer's enrollment by talking personally with interested high school students in their areas about the advantages of a Shimer education.

"Alumni are particularly well qualified to explain the Shimer program to prospective students," said Director of Admissions Frederic Shattuc, "because they have been through it and understand the curriculum."

Kits of Shimer promotional material have been sent to the following alumni for use in the project: Edward Okin, David Stueckemann, Charles Cook, Grant Gilbert, John Keohane, John Christos, Barry Carroll, David and Lisa Juday, Alex Sharpe, James Sherman, Margaret Barrett Busch, Jack Hruska and Theodore Gebner.

Chandler Mc Pherson Business Office Aid

Shimer student Chandler McPherson began his duties February 9 as a part-time assistant in the Shimer business office. He will relieve Business Manager Arthur Fetterolf of some of the routine work of that office.

After attending Shimer for two years, from 1964 to 1966, Mr. McPherson was employed as a division manager for Sears Roebuck in Key West, Florida. Later he moved to Miami where he was marketing director of a manufacturing company. He returned to Shimer in the fall of 1968 to resume his college studies.

Births

Daughter, Lisa Michelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Wilhelm Busch (MARGARET BARRETT, AB '64) of Chicago, June 19, 1969. She joins a brother, Eric, 2-1/2.

Son, David Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nowak (SHIRLEY HALL, AB '64) of Fulton, January 13, 1970.

Daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coatney of Mount Carroll, January 19, 1970. The Coatneys have two sons, Rhett, 8, and Kurt, 4. Mr. Coatney is men's physical education instructor at Shimer.

Son, Erik Marshall, to Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND C. FRETZ, '63, (LEILANI ROSE RAVN, AB '65) of Rockford, Sept. 4, 1969. Erik is their first child. Ray is employed as a sales specialist for Campbell Sales Company, and handles the Rockford Area for Campbell's Heat Process Foods.

Louis Zahn - Dedication To An Ideal

Shimer College Trustee, Louis Zahn, winner in 1957 of the coveted Horatio Alger Award, is an Alger story unto himself.

Starting life as a door-to-door salesman, working untold hours daily as he toured the city in a battered old Ford to peddle his wares, Zahn today heads one of the largest wholesale drug houses in the nation, a firm bearing his name—Zahn Drug Company, Melrose Park, Illi-



LOUIS ZAHN

nois. Those who know him well agree his success story is filled with page after page of adversity, courage, faith and just plain goodness.

Louis Zahn's devotion to his business has been tempered throughout the years with his many activities in the field of philanthropy. Few men in Chicago are identified with more good and just causes.

Long a leader in the Israel Bonds program, Zahn has been honored for his accomplishments here time and time again. For many years he has been active on behalf of the City of Hope, working also in support of the Hektoen Institute of Cook County and the American Medical Center. His willingness to serve Gottlieb Memorial Hospital as its first president was matched by his readiness to assume the same position at the Dr. Jerome Solomon Medical Research Foundation.

His desire to aid unfortunates swallowed up by difficulties of any kind, especially the young, prompted his appointment to the Illinois Parole and Pardon Board. His interest in theater and the fine arts motivated him to serve for a time as director of the Edgewater Beach

Playhouse on Chicago's near North Side. It was this interest in youth and this love for the theater which propelled into existence Shimer College's newest and most popular facility, the Karyn Kupcinet Playhouse.

While serving as a member of the Shimer Associates Board during initial discussions relative to the need for a new campus theater, Zahn posed the question, "Why not conceive a playhouse which would capture the talent, vitality and ability of a young actress whose untimely death in Hollywood in 1963 cut short a promising career?"

That young actress was Karyn Kupcinet, daughter of Chicago newspaper columnist and television commentator, Irv Kupcinet, and Mrs. Kupcinet, long-time friends of Louis Zahn and his wife, Frieda. The idea for a separate creative arts center, destined to become "part of a progressive-minded college with a tradition for experimentation, for nonconformity, for fresh approaches to education," was born.

In a gesture symbolic of his deep affection for the young Karyn, Louis Zahn assumed responsibility for the raising from private sources of \$50,000, the original estimate for renovation of an existing barn on College property.

When recommendations from the architect called for construction of an entirely new and separate structure at a cost approximating twice the original estimate, Zahn was quick to guarantee that additional funds would be secured. When

increased building costs and new revisions of plans, designed to create the most flexible theater possible, pushed the figure near the \$150,000 mark, Louis Zahn smiled and worked that much harder.

By time for the dedication ceremony, final costs had approximated \$175,000, including expenditures for equipment and landscaping.

Today, less than \$15,000 remains as an obligation against this 250 seat facility for the creative arts.

And, incredible as it may seem, 95 percent of the more than \$160,000 received in gifts of cash has been personally influenced or physically secured by Trustee Louis Zahn alone!

It is little wonder the Board of Trustees, in paying him tribute, presented Zahn with a special Certificate of Commendation at the Dedication ceremony, attended by more than 200 contributors and in the presence of celebrities from the fields of entertainment and politics.

And yet the task will never be finished, according to one Louis Zahn!

"Once the remaining building funds are in," said Zahn in a recent conversation, "we must move on to the next job, that of providing scholarship fund for worthy students interested in the creative arts."

To the surprise of no one, Louis Zahn's commitment to this "job" has produced already the first of what will someday be, without question, a goodly number of Karyn Kupcinet Scholarships.



Mr. Zahn and his long-time friend, Jack Benny, one of the first contributors to the Karyn Kupcinet Playhouse.